

CLAIMS:

- 1 1. A method performed at a content
2 recipient comprising:
3 executing first program code at the
4 content recipient so as to receive content from a
5 content provider; and,
6 executing second program code at the
7 content recipient so as to display the content
8 behind a session if the session is active.

- 1 2. The method of claim 1 further
2 comprising executing third program code at the
3 content recipient so as to burn the content through
4 the session in order to visibly display the content
5 to a user.

- 1 3. The method of claim 1 further
2 comprising executing third program code at the
3 content recipient so as to display a notifier over
4 the session even if the session is active, wherein
5 the notifier indicates that the content is available
6 for display.

1 4. The method of claim 3 further
2 comprising executing fourth program code at the
3 content recipient so as to burn the content through
4 the session in response to selection of the notifier
5 in order to visibly display the content to a user.

1 5. The method of claim 3 wherein the
2 notifier is an icon.

1 6. The method of claim 1 further
2 comprising electronically receiving the first and
3 second program code at the content recipient from
4 the content provider.

1 7. The method of claim 1 further
2 comprising executing third program code at the
3 content recipient so as to visibly display the
4 content to a user by automatically burning the
5 content through the session.

1 8. The method of claim 7 wherein the
2 content is automatically burned through the session
3 upon receipt of the content.

1 9. The method of claim 7 wherein the
2 content is automatically burned through the session
3 dependent upon subject matter of the content.

1 10. The method of claim 7 wherein the
2 content is automatically burned through the session
3 dependent upon an identity of the content provider.

1 11. The method of claim 7 wherein the
2 content is immediately burned through the session
3 upon receipt of the content.

1 12. The method of claim 7 wherein the
2 content is burned through the session in response to
3 a user action.

1 13. The method of claim 1 further
2 comprising executing third program code at the
3 content recipient so as to visibly display the
4 content to a user by automatically layering the
5 content over the session.

1 14. The method of claim 13 wherein the
2 content is automatically layered over the session
3 upon receipt of the content.

1 15. The method of claim 13 wherein the
2 content is automatically layered over the session
3 dependent upon subject matter of the content.

1 16. The method of claim 13 wherein the
2 content is automatically layered over the session
3 dependent upon an identity of the content provider.

1 17. The method of claim 13 wherein the
2 content is immediately layered over the session upon
3 receipt of the content provider.

1 18. The method of claim 13 wherein the
2 content is layered over the session in response to a
3 user action.

1 19. The method of claim 1 further
2 comprising executing third program code at the
3 content recipient so as to attach the content to an

4 attachment site automatically upon receipt of the
5 content.

1 20. The method of claim 19 wherein the
2 attachment site is a calender.

1 21. The method of claim 19 wherein the
2 attachment site is an address book.

1 22. The method of claim 19 wherein the
2 attachment site is a window.

1 23. The method of claim 19 wherein the
2 attachment site is a document.

1 24. The method of claim 19 wherein the
2 attachment site is a desktop.

1 25. The method of claim 1 further
2 comprising executing third program code at the
3 content recipient so as to layer the content over
4 the session in order to visibly display the content
5 to a user.

1 26. The method of claim 25 wherein the
2 layering of the content over the session is in
3 response to an action of the content recipient.

1 27. The method of claim 1 further
2 comprising executing third program code at the
3 content recipient so as to display a notifier,
4 wherein the notifier indicates that the content is
5 available for display.

1 28. The method of claim 27 wherein the
2 notifier comprises a visual notifier.

1 29. The method of claim 27 wherein the
2 notifier comprises an audible notifier.

1 30. A computer readable storage medium,
2 the computer readable storage medium storing program
3 code which, when executed by a computing device,
4 performs the following functions:

5 automatically initiating a request to
6 receive content from a content provider;

7 receiving the content from the content
8 provider in response to the request; and,
9 displaying the content behind a session if
10 the session is active.

1 31. The computer readable storage medium
2 of claim 30 wherein execution of the program code
3 performs the additional function of burning the
4 content through the session so that the content is
5 displayed to a user.

1 32. The computer readable storage medium
2 of claim 30 wherein execution of the program code
3 performs the additional function of layering the
4 content over the session so that the content is
5 displayed to a user.

1 33. The computer readable storage medium
2 of claim 30 wherein execution of the program code
3 performs the additional function of displaying a
4 notifier over the session even if the session is
5 active, and wherein the notifier indicates that the
6 content is available for display.

1 34. The computer readable storage medium
2 of claim 33 wherein execution of the program code
3 performs the additional function of burning the
4 content through the session in response to a
5 notifier related action.

1 35. The computer readable storage medium
2 of claim 33 wherein execution of the program code
3 performs the additional function of layering the
4 content over the session in response to a notifier
5 related action.

1 36. The computer readable storage medium
2 of claim 33 wherein the notifier is an icon.

1 37. The computer readable storage medium
2 of claim 30 wherein the computer electronically
3 receives the program code and stores the program
4 code on the computer readable storage medium.

1 38. The computer readable storage medium
2 of claim 30 wherein execution of the program code

3 performs the additional function of visibly
4 displaying the content to a user by automatically
5 burning the content through the session.

1 39. The computer readable storage medium
2 of claim 38 wherein the content is burned through
3 the session automatically upon receipt of the
4 content.

1 40. The computer readable storage medium
2 of claim 38 wherein the content is burned through
3 the session automatically dependent upon subject
4 matter of the content.

1 41. The computer readable storage medium
2 of claim 38 wherein the content is burned through
3 the session automatically dependent upon an identity
4 of the content provider.

1 42. The computer readable storage medium
2 of claim 38 wherein the content is burned through
3 the session immediately upon receipt of the content
4 provider.

1 43. The computer readable storage medium
2 of claim 38 wherein the content is burned through
3 the session in response to a user action.

1 44. The computer readable storage medium
2 of claim 30 wherein execution of the program code
3 performs the additional function of visibly
4 displaying the content to a user by automatically
5 layering the content over the session.

1 45. The computer readable storage medium
2 of claim 44 wherein the content is layered over the
3 session automatically upon receipt of the content.

1 46. The computer readable storage medium
2 of claim 44 wherein the content is layered over the
3 session automatically dependent upon subject matter
4 of the content.

1 47. The computer readable storage medium
2 of claim 44 wherein the content is layered over the

3 session automatically dependent upon an identity of
4 the content provider.

1 48. The computer readable storage medium
2 of claim 44 wherein the content is layered over the
3 session immediately upon receipt of the content
4 provider.

1 49. The computer readable storage medium
2 of claim 44 wherein the content is layered over the
3 session in response to a user action.

1 50. The computer readable storage medium
2 of claim 30 wherein execution of the program code
3 performs the additional function of attaching the
4 content to an attachment site automatically upon
5 receipt of the content.

1 51. The computer readable storage medium
2 of claim 50 wherein the attachment site is a
3 calender.

1 52. The computer readable storage medium
2 of claim 50 wherein the attachment site is an
3 address book.

1 53. The computer readable storage medium
2 of claim 50 wherein the attachment site is a window.

1 54. The computer readable storage medium
2 of claim 50 wherein the attachment site is a
3 document.

1 55. The computer readable storage medium
2 of claim 50 wherein the attachment site is a
3 desktop.

1 56. The computer readable storage medium
2 of claim 30 wherein execution of the program code
3 performs the additional function of displaying a
4 notifier, and wherein the notifier indicates that
5 the content is available for display.

1 57. The computer readable storage medium
2 of claim 56 wherein the notifier comprises a visual
3 notifier.

1 58. The computer readable storage medium
2 of claim 56 wherein the notifier comprises an
3 audible notifier.

1 59. A method comprising:
2 executing first program code at a content
3 provider so as to post content for access by a
4 content recipient; and,
5 executing second program code at the
6 content recipient so as to automatically (i) access
7 the content provider, (ii) initiate receipt by the
8 content recipient of the posted content, (iii)
9 receive the posted content, and (iv) display the
10 posted content behind a session if the session is
11 active.

1 60. The method of claim 59 further
2 comprising executing third program code at the
3 content recipient so as to burn the content through

4 the session in order to visibly display the content
5 to a user.

1 61. The method of claim 59 further
2 comprising executing third program code at the
3 content recipient so as to layer the content over
4 the session in order to visibly display the content
5 to a user.

1 62. The method of claim 59 further
2 comprising executing third program code at the
3 content recipient so as to display a notifier over
4 the session even if the session is active, wherein
5 the notifier indicates that the content is available
6 for display.

1 63. The method of claim 62 further
2 comprising executing fourth program code at the
3 content recipient so as to burn the content through
4 the session upon selection of the notifier in order
5 to visibly display the content.

1 64. The method of claim 62 further
2 comprising executing fourth program code at the
3 content recipient so as to layer the content over
4 the session upon selection of the notifier in order
5 to visibly display the content.

1 65. The method of claim 62 wherein the
2 notifier is an icon.

1 66. The method of claim 59 further
2 comprising executing third program code at the
3 content recipient so as to visibly display the
4 content to a user by automatically burning the
5 content through the session.

1 67. The method of claim 59 further
2 comprising executing third program code at the
3 content recipient so as to visibly display the
4 content to a user by automatically layering the
5 content over the session.

1 68. The method of claim 59 further
2 comprising executing third program code at the

3 content recipient so as to attach the content to an
4 attachment site automatically upon receipt of the
5 content.

1 69. The method of claim 59 further
2 comprising executing third program code at the
3 content recipient so as to display a notifier,
4 wherein the notifier indicates that the content is
5 available for display.

1 70. The method of claim 69 wherein the
2 notifier comprises a visual notifier.

1 71. The method of claim 69 wherein the
2 notifier comprises an audible notifier.